

## **MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Wednesday, January 16, 2008 3:27 p.m. Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Mayes, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Ball, Nitz, Meekhof, Agema.**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Angerer.**

Representative Meekhof made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of November 28, 2007. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Representative Nitz made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid SB 682 before the Committee.

SB 682     McManus             Agriculture; pesticides; distributors of agricultural pesticides; require to be licensed.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding SB 682:

Trevor Van Dyke, representing Senator McManus

Jim Byrum, representing Michigan AgriBusiness, in support

Brian Rowe, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), in support

Tonia Ritter, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, submitted a card for SB 682, indicating a neutral position on the bill.

Representative Nitz made a motion to report SB 682 with recommendation.

### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Ball, Nitz, Meekhof. (9/11)**

**Nays: None. (0/11)**

**Pass: Representative Agema. (1/11) (9/0/1)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

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The Chair laid HB 5584 and HB 5585 before the Committee for the purpose of hearing testimony.

HB 5584 Espinoza Food; milk; grade A milk law; revise.

HB 5585 Espinoza Food; milk; manufacturing of milk; revise.

Representative Espinoza spoke to the Committee regarding the provisions of HB 5584 and HB 5585.

The following individuals also spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5584 and HB 5585:

Katherine Fedder and Sue Esser, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture, in support

Gary Trimmer, representing the Michigan Milk Producers Association, in support

Derek Dalling, representing the Michigan Dairy Foods Association, in support

Ken Filippini, representing Hudsonville Ice Cream, in support of HB 5585

Tonia Ritter, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, submitted a card in support of the bills.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Mayes declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 4:10 p.m.

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Representative Jeff Mayes, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk  
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